Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin-Christians-Ernakulam):* What was the reason for assigning these acquired lands to nearly 20 persons or 20 families ? I understand that the lands were acquired for those who were evicted from Venduruthy.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There was no idea of evicting persons who were already on the spot to make room for other persons. When about 24 acres were acquired it was decided that those who were there must be allowed to remain there. Those persons who were already living there were allowed to remain there and the others were treated as new-comers to whom small house sites were to be given. Therefore Government decided that persons who were there must be allowed to remain there with the persons who were coming in.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin-Christians-Ernakulam):* With regard to these persons mentioned here, may I know whether compensations are being paid for their houses ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* No.

79. Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin-Christians-Ernakulam)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any of the trees on the porambokes and unassigned lands at the colony established at Nettur for evacuees from Venduruthi have been cut down by or under the orders of any Government authorities ;

(*b*) whether the usufructs on such lands is periodically being removed by or under the orders of, any Government authorities;

(*c*) if so, who has been appropriating such trees and usufructs ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (*DiwanPeishkar*) :

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The trees on the lands are entrusted to the adjacent assignees who pay the value of the usufructs.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of answer to (b).

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin-Christians-Ernakulam):* Have all such trees been assigned to the holders of the adjoining lands ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes.

FERRY BOAT—CAPSIZING OF

80. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*) : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the report of the Bolghatty ferry boat disaster published on page 2 of the "Malabar Mail" on 25th October 1944 is a fact ;

(*b*) if so, the number of casualities in connection with the said incident;

(*c*) whether the Government is taking any steps to avoid such disasters in future?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*) :

(*a*) It is a fact that a boat accident has taken place.

(*b*) One.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Government will be pleased to supply an additional boat to the ferry at least in the morning hours and evening hours on school working days ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There were actually two boats. The contractor was running the two boats, one of them was requisitioned for Military purpose and therefore there is only one boat.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin-Christians-Ernakulam) :* May I know what is the capacity of the boat, *i.e.*, how many passangers are allowed to be carried?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar) :* It is registered to carry 47 passangers.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin-Christians-Ernakulam):* Are the Government aware that many more than the number allowed are accommodated in each trip?

Mr A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar) :* It may be done on some occasion.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin-Christians-Ernakulam):* Not only on some occasions. Usually it is so. Are not the Government aware of this?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* No.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin-Christians Ernakulam) :* It is a pity that the Government are not aware.

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* I may say for the information of the House that some cases of overloading were detected recently and in one of the cases the person responsible was fined Rs. 50 and his licence was suspended for 3 months.

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